

Python Fun(damentals)

Venv Usage & Setup

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Python `venv` Module

The `venv` module provides support for creating lightweight “virtual environments” with their own site directories, optionally isolated from system site directories.

- Each virtual environment has its own Python binary.
 - which matches the version of the binary that was used to create this environment.
- Can have its own independent set of installed Python packages in its site directories.
- Prevents you from destroying your local development environment.
- Buys you the ability to test, run and build code in a controlled way.
- Comes built in with Python3
- Very low level and root of many build system tools (pipenv, Poetry etc.)

Using `virtualenv` Module

`virtualenv` provides a handy set of tools to work with `venv` locally.

We will start with building our very own `venv` :

```
$ virtualenv venv
created virtual environment CPython3.7.5.final.0-64 in 170ms
creator CPython3Posix(dest=/home/killswitch/Desktop/tools/PythonFundamentals/venv, clear=False, global=False)
seeder FromAppData(download=False, pip=latest, setuptools=latest, wheel=latest, via=copy, app_data_dir=/home/killswitch/.local/share/virtualenv/seed-app-data/v1.0.1)
activators BashActivator,CShellActivator,FishActivator,PowerShellActivator,PythonActivator,XonshActivator
```

We now can simply activate our `venv` using the following command:

```
$ source venv/bin/activate
(venv) $ python --version
Python 3.7.5
(venv) $ pip install requests
...:SNIP:...
(venv) $ pip freeze
...:SNIP:...
requests==2.23.0
urllib3==1.25.9
```

Lab_3.py

Tasking

Using the new `virtualenv` command perform the following:

1. Go into the `01_python3_tooling_build_systems/` folder and create a venv using `virtualenv`
2. Activate the new shell using `source venv/bin/activate`
3. Using the custom `requirements.txt` file install these packages with `pip`

Testing your work

NOTE: you should see Green `PASS` statements indicating you completed the lab

```
$ pip freeze  
$ python lab_3.py
```